

Appl. No. 09/756,427

Reply to Office Action of April 21, 2005

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005 and Advisory Action dated July 8, 2005. This Amendment is concurrently submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination.

As previously provided, independent claims 1, 14, 15, 16, 24 and 25 have been amended. Applicants believe that the claimed invention as presently pending should be considered patentable over the cited art of record and thus the anticipation and obviousness rejections should be withdrawn in view of same. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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